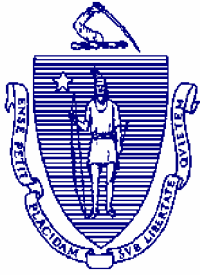


# Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, April 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

## EOPS Announcements

### 2005 Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge (MLEC)

#### **Proposal Deadline: April 14, 2006**

The Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge (MLEC) is a joint effort of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. This awards program recognizes the efforts of police departments to reduce motor vehicle related fatalities, injuries, and economic loss in communities by combining traffic enforcement with public education.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops)

Click on Massachusetts Law Enforcement Challenge in the key initiatives module

### Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Homeland Security Division invites your municipality to take part in the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program. The HDER program is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Navy and the Health Physics Society and is designed to place surplus federal radiation detection equipment in the hands of emergency responder agencies and to provide training on the equipment to designated personnel at no cost. Through the HDER program, responder agencies across the state now have access to a substantial inventory of radiological detection instrumentation and other rehabilitated equipment.

For more information contact Chris Beaurpere at (617) 725-3327

### April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is dedicated to making a concerted effort to raise awareness of sexual violence and promote prevention through special events. Communities are encouraged to sponsor and participate in awareness raising activities. Please visit Jane Doe Inc.-The Massachusetts Association Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence website at

[http://www.janedoe.org/involved/involved\\_calendar.htm](http://www.janedoe.org/involved/involved_calendar.htm) for a calendar of locally based events sponsored by Jane Doe, Inc. and its membership. Additional information regarding resources and activities your community can engage in can be found by visiting the National Sexual Violence Resource Center at [www.nsvrc.org/saam](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam).

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## EOPS Funding Opportunities

### **Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative**

**Letter of Intent Deadline: March 31, 2006**

**Application Deadline: April 14, 2005**

This \$11 million grant program was created to support regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention. These multi-disciplinary prevention and intervention approaches may include, but are not limited to, law enforcement approaches such as anti-gang task forces and targeting of enforcement resources through the use of crime mapping; focused prosecution efforts; and programs aimed at successful reintegration for ex-offenders. Grants are anticipated to begin June, 2006 and last one year.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) click on the key initiatives module

### **Research Support for the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative**

**Application Deadline: April 14, 2005**

To enhance the effectiveness of the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (CSI), additional grant opportunities are available to provide research support to individual CSI grantees. Up to \$750,000 in Byrne JAG funds will be used for Local Action Research Partner grants. Local Action Research Partners will be funded to provide strategic, analytic, and research support to individual Shannon CSI grantees. EOPS anticipates making several awards to Local Action Research Partners.

EOPS will also fund one Statewide Youth Violence Research Partner up to \$250,000 in Byrne JAG grant funds to share lessons learned across the sites and to assess and document the results achieved by the Shannon CSI grantees.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops), click on the key initiatives module

### **Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs**

**Letter of Intent Deadline: April 19, 2006**

**Application Deadline: July 28, 2006**

The EOPS Programs Division is planning to award a Title V grant for \$53,440 to a unit of local government for one year with the potential for two additional years of funding. Title V provides states with the opportunity to fund delinquency prevention and early intervention programs for cities and towns that comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) core requirements, including removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups. EOPS will also be offering trainings for Title V grant applicants (see the conferences and trainings section for more information).

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

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#### **Application Deadline: April 17, 2006**

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth was established to support the development and enhancement of mentoring programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, and foster care. The initiative seeks to promote collaboration among community organizations and agencies committed to supporting mentoring services for such system involved youth. Its objective is to identify effective mentoring programs and determine how to enhance and expand these approaches for system involved youth. Applicants will assess, develop, implement, and pilot mentoring strategies designed for system involved youth.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/06mentoringinitiative.pdf>

### **Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth**

#### **Application Deadline: April 17, 2006**

“The Training and Technical Assistance Program for Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth will provide training and technical assistance for the four mentoring sites receiving awards under the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth. Grantees will be required to: provide training and technical assistance to the four mentoring sites receiving awards under OJJDP’s Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth; facilitate the development and use of research-driven training and technical assistance materials by these demonstration sites; foster the use of effective program design elements; assist in identifying, implementing, and sustaining community partnerships; strengthen communication and information sharing among the demonstration sites; and increase the number of adult volunteers and enhance the skills of volunteers and professionals working with these programs.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/ttamentoring06.pdf>

### **Evaluation of Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth**

#### **Application Deadline: April 17, 2006**

“The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Evaluation of Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth grant was established to support a program evaluation that will assess the process and effect of mentoring programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, reentry, or foster care. Grantees will be required to: conduct a formal literature review that details previous research on mentoring with disadvantaged youth, conduct a process evaluation for the four mentoring sites receiving awards, and conduct an outcome evaluation for the four mentoring sites receiving awards.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/06mentoringeval.pdf>

### **Process and Outcome Evaluation of G.R.E.A.T.**

#### **Application Deadline: April 25, 2006**

“In partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, The National Institute of Justice is soliciting an independent process and outcome evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training program (G.R.E.A.T). The G.R.E.A.T. program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum intended to immunize against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The program consists of a middle school curriculum, an elementary school curriculum, a summer program, and family training. The middle school component is the core, mandatory component. NIJ is soliciting an independent process and outcome evaluation of the program as currently implemented, with a focus on the middle school and family training components of the program.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000743.pdf>

### **Law Enforcement Task Forces and Services for Human Trafficking Victims**

#### **Application Deadline: April 25, 2006**

“The overall goals of this Office for Victims of Crime program are: 1) to continue to enhance law enforcement’s ability to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking, 2) to provide law enforcement with the resources and training to identify and rescue victims of trafficking, and 3) to ensure that comprehensive services are available wherever trafficking victims are found. Currently, BJA has provided funding to 32 local and state law enforcement anti-trafficking task forces across the country. With Fiscal Year 2006 funding, up to 10 additional task forces will receive funding through cooperative agreements. Consistent with prior BJA task force solicitations, task force awards will be made for 3 years in the amount of \$450,000 each.”

For more information: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY06\\_Trafficking\\_Victims.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY06_Trafficking_Victims.pdf)

### **Field-Initiated Demonstration Program**

#### **Application Deadline: May 1, 2006**

“The mission of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is to provide national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization. The purpose of this program is to foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice related practice at the local, state, tribal government levels, as part of OJJDP’s overall effort to support programs that enhance juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. Applicants are encouraged to use the most appropriate and rigorous methodologies feasible for demonstrating promising advancements and innovative approaches in framing their project’s goals and objectives.”

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/2006fieldinitiated.pdf>

### **Social Science Research on Terrorism**

#### **Application Deadline: May 10, 2006**

“The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals to conduct social science research on terrorism that will inform national criminal justice policy and practice. Proposed research should aim to improve criminal justice and first-responder strategies for preventing, preparing for, responding to, and mitigating terrorist incidents at the Federal, State, and local levels. Proposals may address either domestic or international terrorism, but research should have direct, immediate, and obvious implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000744.pdf>

## **FY 2006 Weed and Seed Program Guide and Application Kit: New Sites**

### **Application Deadline: May 11, 2006**

“Operation Weed and Seed is a strategy that aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high crime neighborhoods across the country. Weed and Seed sites range in size from several neighborhood blocks to a few square miles. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in “weeding out” violent crime and drug abuse; and “seeding” brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. Only Officially Recognized Weed and Seed Sites in good standing are eligible to apply for funding. Such sites have a CCDO-approved Weed and Seed strategy and consist of a coalition of community residents, local, county, and State agencies, Federal agencies, the private sector, Faith-Based and other Community-Based organizations.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/2006WSNewSitesSol.pdf>

## **Research and Publications**

### **Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems**

#### **Bureau of Justice Statistics**

The recently released Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) publication describes the status of state criminal history records systems at the end of 2003. Data presented include the number of records maintained by each state, the percentage of automated records in the system, and the number of states participating in the FBI's Interstate Identification Index. Also included is information regarding the timeliness of data in state record systems and measures employed to improve data quality.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/sschis03.htm>

### **Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report**

#### **The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) report provides a comprehensive and insightful view of juvenile crime across the nation using recent statistics from a variety of sources. Comprehensive information is included on topics such as juvenile offending, victimization of juveniles, and the justice system's response to these problems.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

### **Drunk Driving**

#### **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services**

Community Oriented Policing (COPS) guides summarize knowledge about how police can reduce the harm caused by specific crime and disorder problems. This particular guide describes the problem of drunk driving, reviews the factors that increase its risks, identifies a series of questions that can help law enforcement analyze local drunk driving problems, and reviews responses to the problem of drunk driving and evaluates the effectiveness of these responses.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1665>

### **Status and Needs of Forensic Science Service Providers: A Report to Congress**

#### **National Institute of Justice**

This National Institute of Justice report to Congress is based on the opinions of local, state and federal forensic science practitioners who participated in the study. Topics include: manpower and equipment needs; continuing education, professionalism and accreditation standards; collaboration among federal, state and local service providers; and a summary of forensic community recommendations.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/213420.pdf>



## **Strategies for Intervening with Officers through Early Intervention Systems: A Guide for Front-Line Supervisors**

### **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services**

This Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) guide provides advice on many aspects of early intervention systems (EIS). The study examined how law enforcement agencies handle issues surrounding supervision and intervention and the challenges they face. Discussions and recommendations are provided on the following topics: defining the role of the front-line supervisor, structuring the intervention process, identifying ways to provide the various programs and services that supplement and reinforce EIS, and creating a broader culture of accountability in law enforcement agencies.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1671>

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **Achieving Community National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance: Next Steps**

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will be conducting a series of NIMS Compliance Workshops throughout the Commonwealth. Two hour workshops will take place between April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>. These Emergency Management Workshops will focus on NIMS compliance activities for local entities for FY 2006 and beyond. This unique opportunity will describe in detail both the actions that local communities must take by the end of federal FY 2006 (September 30, 2006) to be compliant with NIMS and the technical assistance available from various state agencies to provide support. For a complete list of dates and locations and contact information see the attached PDF document.

### **Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Patterns and Consequences in Massachusetts: What We Know & What We Want to Know**

#### **April 25, 2006 in Worcester, MA**

This training, presented by the Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership and Learning (MassCALL), is designed to increase participant understanding of the Strategic Prevention Framework approach and its emphasis on data, understanding of epidemiology as a tool, and knowledge of current Massachusetts alcohol and other drug abuse data. All prevention and substance abuse treatment providers, coalition members, educators and other community leaders are invited to attend.

For further information: <http://www.tmfnet.org/partnership/registration.html>

### **Mandatory Reporting Of Child Abuse: The 51A and B Process From Reporting To Appeal**

#### **April 26, 2006 in Boston, MA**

Lorman Education Services is presenting a training on the mandatory reporting of child abuse for counselors, teachers, social workers, special education directors, principals, psychologists, case managers, board members, nurses, law enforcement officials and attorneys. Participants will gain a clear understanding of the individual and agency/school responsibility as a 'mandated reporter' in reporting child abuse and neglect. Legal and ethical issues will be discussed, as well the effect of child abuse and reporting on professional practice.

For further information: [http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar\\_details.php?pid=143145](http://www.lorman.com/seminars/seminar_details.php?pid=143145)

### **Standardized Field Sobriety Testing**

**May 15-19, 2006 in Wenham, MA**

The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau, in conjunction with the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC), is sponsoring a training course in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFTF). This class will be offered only to officers who have successfully completed the SFST class that has been offered through the MPTC academies since 1987. This one day course is designed to bring officers up to date in the newest SFST curriculum.

For further information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops)

### **Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs**

**May 18 and June 8, 9, and 29 in Boston, MA**

**Deadline for Registration Forms and Community Information Form: April 19, 2006**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is making a consultant available to the Commonwealth to coach potential applicants through preparation for submitting an application for the Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs (for information about the Title V grant announcement see the EOPS funding opportunities section above) . Title V applicants are required to attend three trainings: Community Team Orientation, Data Collection and Analysis, and Plan and Program Development.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding.htm> click on Justice and Education

### **Two Day Training on Danger Assessment and Risk Management for Domestic Violence Responders**

**June 7-8, 2006 in Worcester, MA**

This two-day training, presented by Emerge, is designed for members of domestic violence teams who are recipients of VAWA STOP Grants or Byrne Grants, including police officers, victim advocates, probation officers, prosecutors, and child welfare workers. This training is also open to criminal justice or victim advocacy agencies that do not currently receive Byrne or VAWA STOP grants but are collaborating to address domestic violence. This training will give participants up-to-date information about risk markers for domestic homicides and serious assaults and help participants to identify more comprehensive and safe practices for assessing danger, protecting victims, and monitoring batterers. Training registration form and contact information is attached.

### **Terrorism Symposium**

**June 12-13, 2006 in Denver, CO**

The National Institute of Justice is hosting this event for law enforcement officials who deal with terrorism in their states, cities, and communities. Participants will learn what the research shows about what works to prevent and respond to terrorism. Panelists will discuss research findings and state and local officials will be invited to describe their challenges and experiences in interactive sessions. Topics will include: how to identify warning signs, what local prosecutors are doing to combat terrorism, ways to improve cooperation between law enforcement and Arab communities, securing shopping malls and seaports, and money laundering.

For more information: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/register\\_ts.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/register_ts.html)

## In The News

### **MA City Credits Community Policing For Zero Homicides**

***Boston Globe*, March 9, 2006**

The *Boston Globe* reports that an August 2004 homicide in Lawrence, MA, was the fourth of the year in a city whose poverty rivals that in some of Boston's roughest neighborhoods. Lawrence hasn't recorded a single homicide since then. Lawrence officials explain this trend with an aggressive community policing strategy, which is used in big cities nationwide.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/08/homicides\\_reduced\\_to\\_zero\\_in\\_lawrence/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/08/homicides_reduced_to_zero_in_lawrence/)

### **MA Lawmakers Break Gridlock, Approve Anticrime Bill**

***Boston Globe*, March 17, 2006**

According to a recent *Boston Globe* article, Massachusetts lawmakers have broken months of legislative gridlock and passed an anticrime bill intended to create a Massachusetts state witness-protection program. This bill would also toughen penalties for witness intimidation and other tactics that street gangs use to spread fear. The bill would allow \$1.5 million for a state program that would provide police protection, new housing, and relocation for vulnerable witnesses.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/17/legislature\\_approves\\_anticrime\\_measure/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/17/legislature_approves_anticrime_measure/)

### **Group Studying Alternatives to Gangs**

***The Republican*, March 18, 2006**

According to *The Republican*, the Spanish American Union in Springfield, MA is conducting a study of the city's gang situation to help propose alternative activities for youths. The director of youth programs at the agency expects results in April, and in May a steering committee will look at the findings. By June, the group will have developed social service programs to be implemented in the following year.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/springfield/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-3/114267214814650.xml&coll=1>

### **Boston Official Proposes Gun Offender Registry**

***Boston Globe*, March 23, 2006**

According to the *Boston Globe*, Boston City Councilor Robert Consalvo is proposing a potential gun offender registry, similar to the state sex offender registry. The registry would allow residents to obtain information about those living near them who have been convicted of a gun crime. This is one of a number of ideas proposed to control the surge in gun violence. Last year there were 341 shootings, the most in Boston since 1995, and homicides were at a 10-year high.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/22/city\\_councilor\\_aims\\_for\\_gun\\_offender\\_registry/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/22/city_councilor_aims_for_gun_offender_registry/)

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